

Agricultural Chemical Exchange Program

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Summary

A program for farmers to swap herbicides and pesticides directly with one another rather than dispose of these hazardous farm chemicals, with the sponsor acting only as publicizer/ facilitator.

Start date/locations

Inaugurated in the fall of 1994. Sited at offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) in each of the five counties that are part of the Solid Waste District.

Cost

Except for publicity and a small amount of photocopying, no significant expense.

Program Description

Agricultural pesticides and herbicides represent one of the largest concentrations of potentially hazardous materials. Disposed improperly, they can pollute large amounts of groundwater, posing a serious risk to human health. Yet in many cases the agricultural chemicals no longer useful to one producer can be put to good use by another producer - if there is a system for these products to be exchanged without exposing participants to liability, either chemical or legal. The Agricultural Chemical Exchange Program organized by West Central Solid Waste District is such a system.

Chemicals available for exchange are listed on a bulletin board at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office in Hendricks, Putnam, Montgomery, Parke, and Morgan counties. Certain strict requirements apply: products must be in their original unbroken container, no banned or cancelled pesticides may be swapped, etc. For a full text of the rules, see the "General Agency Release" that follows; a copy of the listing form also is included.

It is Important to note the very limited extent to which the West Central Solid Waste District becomes involved in this exchange program. The District never has custody of any agricultural chemicals; it acts only as an information center. Farmers work out the swaps directly with one another.

Farm Exchange Program

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____)_____-_____ Today's Date: __/__/____

Please list the items you have to exchange:

	Product Brand Name	Manufacture Name	EPA Registration Number	Quantity (1 lbs, gallons, quart, etc.)	Age of Product
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

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General Agency Release

The participant -in this swap program acknowledges that the West Central Solid Waste District ASCS, SCS and the Extension Offices have undertaken a program to facilitate the reuse of farm chemicals. The purpose of this program is to put into use, chemicals which would otherwise require special handling and disposal.

The participant hereby waives any liability on the part of the above listed agencies and other acknowledges that the agencies make no warranties whatsoever as to the age, color, texture, adherability, purity efficiency or safety of the product being exchanged. If the participant finds the material unusable, he/she agrees to bring it to a West Central Solid Waste District collection program for proper disposal.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT:

- The products are 'in their original unbroken container
- The product will be used for its intended and labeled purpose
- The product will be used by the person taking it.
- The participants recognizes that this material is to be used and not sold and carries no guarantees.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS BE SWAPPED:

- Unknowns
- Banned or Cancelled pesticides
- Chemicals for experimental or other purposes
- Pharmaceuticals Restricted use(s) pesticides
- Unregistered pesticides (Questions regarding the current state registration status of a pesticide product may be directed to the Office of the Indiana State Chemist at (317) 494-1492)